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Union Budget

No change in Income Tax slabs

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What is costly?

All imported items, umbrellas

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman

- Digital rupee with blockchain from RBI coming up
- Taxpayers can file updated returns within 2 years in one-time window
- 30% tax for digital assets, highest tax band
- Rs. 2 per litre will be imposed on unblended fuel from Oct. 1, 2022
- All 1.5 lakh post offices to be connected to core banking system
- PM Gati Shakti Master Plan for expressways will be formulated
- National Highways network to be expanded by 25,000 km

New Delhi, Feb. 1 (Agencies)- Finance Minister (FM) Nirmala Sitharaman this morning unveiled the Budget for fiscal year 2022-23 (her fourth Budget) with an aim to boost growth amid continued disruption from COVID-19 and rising inflation. This is the second consecutive year that a paperless budget was presented.

There has been no change in personal income tax slabs. In a relief to taxpayers, who face a tough time in getting the anomalies in their Income Tax Returns (ITRs) rectified, the Government will provide a one-time window to correct omissions in such returns. In her budget speech, the FM said that the updated returns will have to be filed within two years.

Income from transfer of any virtual digital asset shall be taxed at the rate of 30 percent. Besides, corporate surcharge has been reduced from 12 percent to 7 percent. While there is no change in I-T slabs, the Finance Minister announced tax relief for people with disabilities. Annuity and lump sum received to parents or guardians attaining 60 years during lifetime of the disabled person will be eligible for tax relief.

A digital-first approach took priority as the FM announced a proposal to launch Digital currency by the RBI, and setting up of a Digital University. "The introduction of central bank digital currency will give a big boost to the digital economy. Digital currency will also be a cheaper and more efficient currency management system," Sitharaman said.

"It is therefore proposed to introduce digital rupee — using blockchain and other technologies — to be issued by the RBI, starting 2022-23," she underlined. The move is seen as a big push for the Government's "Digital India" programme.

It also comes amid deliberation over the regulation of cryptocurrency. The RBI had earlier voiced "serious concerns" around private cryptocurrencies on the grounds that these may cause financial instability.

Post office accounts

All 1.5 lakh post offices in India will be connected to the core banking system that will enable people to access their account online and also transfer money within post office accounts and to other banks. "In 2022, 100 percent of 1.5 lakh post offices will come on the core banking system enabling financial inclusion and access to accounts through net banking, mobile banking ATMs and also provide online transfer of funds between post office accounts and bank accounts," Sitharaman said.

She added that this will be helpful especially for farmers and senior citizens in the rural areas enabling interoperability and financial inclusion. Currently, post offices provide savings account services and payments bank services through the India Post Payments Bank.

(See BUDGET on page 7)

Auto fares in city hiked from today; Minimum fare is Rs. 30

Mysuru, Feb. 1- Following persistent demands from Autorickshaw Unions who had sought an immediate hike in fares due to spiralling fuel price and increasing operating expenses, the District Administration has given nod for a hike in auto fares, which has come into effect from today (Feb. 1) in the city and across the district.

The decision to hike auto fares was taken at a meeting chaired by DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham, who also heads the Regional Transport Authority, at his office here this morning.

(See FARES on page 7)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-3 for city-based international oil expert Bhamy V. Shenoy's letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking his intervention to clear hurdles in the implementation of piped gas project in Mysuru which is opposed by some BJP MLAs and Corporators.—**Ed**

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Mysuru, Tuesday 1st February 2022

Time to start tech-revolution, start-ups in music: PM

New Delhi, Feb.1 (UNI) - Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday desired a revolution of technology and IT in the field of music and said that there should be dedicated start-ups in the field based on Indian instruments and traditions.

The Prime Minister was speaking at the launch of the Pandit Jasraj Cultural Foundation via video-conferencing on the occasion of the Jayanti of the doyen of Indian classical music.

"In today's era when technology's influence is all pervasive, there should be technology and IT revolution in the field of music also," the PM said.

The Prime Minister talked of the personification of immortal energy of music by Pandit Jasraj and lauded Durga Jasraj and Pandit Shaarang Dev for keeping alive the glorious legacy of the maestro.

The PM touched upon the vast knowledge imparted by the sages of Indian music tradition. "The strength to feel the cosmic energy and ability to see music in the flow of universe is what makes Indian Classical music tradition so exceptional. Music is a medium that makes us aware of our worldly duties and it also helps us transcend worldly attachments," the PM said.

He said that Indian Music should create its identity in this age of globalisation. He said that the experience of Yoga Day has indicated that the world has benefited from Indian heritage and Indian music also has the capacity to stir the depth of the human mind. "Every person in the world is entitled to know about, learn and get benefits of Indian music. It is our responsibility to take care of that," he said.

The PM also dwelled on recent efforts to regenerate the centres of culture and art like Kashi and said that India has shown the way to a secured future to the world through its faith in environment preservation and love for nature.

"In this Indian journey of development along with heritage, *Sabka Prayas* should be included," he concluded.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

When RPN Singh joined the BJP publicly, Jyotiraditya Scindia was also there on that stage. As if that was not a powerful enough image, tweeple unearthed and made viral one even more so. At a 2012 event RPN Singh, Jyotiraditya Scindia, Jitin Prasada, Milind Deora and Sachin Pilot are seen together, sharing good spirits at a swearing-in ceremony for new Ministers at Rashtrapati Bhavan. As often addressed as Young Turks as Team Rahul, all these gentlemen even then showed up a contrast to him, because he refused to join the Government through the entirety of UPA's two terms. Now they have either gone over to the other side or if they have remained, their disenchantment with Congress is so evident that there is constant speculation about when they will.

Today's Team Rahul, puny in comparison to a decade ago, may every now and then crack a joke about a Congress-yukt BJP but surely they cannot actually be finding it amusing. Bitterly criticising the defectors' transactionalism also misses the point. Which is, what is being done to stem the tide? Since failures on this lie squarely at the Gandhi family's doorstep and they resist accepting this, fixing it is not on the cards either.

— *In The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Man lives in harmony with 8 young wives

Bangkok: A tattoo artist in Thailand has been getting a lot of attention online after it was revealed that he shares his home with eight young wives, all of whom get along great with each other.

Ong Dam Sorot, a young tattoo artist specialising in the traditional yantra style, recently sat down with a popular Thai comedian for an interview about his controversial marital status. Sorot is married not to one woman, but to eight, all of whom live under the same roof and consider themselves one big happy family.

On the show, which has so far garnered over 3 million views on YouTube alone, Ong Dam Sorot introduced each of his wives and spoke about how they met. The eight women described their husband as the kindest, most considerate man on Earth and claimed to get along wonderfully.

Man balances 85 spoons on his body for record

Karaj: An Iranian man broke an unusual Guinness World Record by balancing 85 spoons in various locations on his body.

Abolfazl Saber Mokhtari, 50, who broke the record in Karaj, said he has been balancing spoons on his body since he was a child.

Mokhtari, who bested the record of 64 spoons, set by Marcos Ruiz Ceballos of Spain, said his balancing skills aren't limited to flatware.

"Anything, I mean it, any object. Anything that has a surface I can stick to my body, such as plastic, glass, fruit, stone, wood and even a fully grown human," he said.

The record-breaker said the secret to his ability is focus.

"I focus on whatever I am trying to stick to my body, making me capable of transferring my energy and power to them," he said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Spirulina:
Spirulina is a type of blue-green algae that is rich in nutrients, including B vitamins, beta carotene, and vitamin E. It is cultivated for use both as a dietary supplement and as a whole food. Spirulina is a good source of vegan protein and has antiviral properties which helps in boosting the immune system.

By Kavya J - Department of Nutrition & Dietetics
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MoU signed between ICSI and University of Mysore

*Seen from left: **Dr. H.K. Chethan, Special Officer to VC, Prof. N.K. Lokanath, Director, PME Board, Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Vijaya Rao, Chairperson, ICSI, Mysuru Chapter, D.N. Phani Datta, Secretary and A. Harsha, Vice-Chairperson.***

Mysuru, Feb.1 - The Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), Mysuru Chapter, signed an MoU with University of Mysore (UoM) recently.

The MoU facilitates in Faculty Exchange, Signature Award, Publications to Libraries etc.

Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, UoM, expressed happiness for inking a pact with ICSI.

REALLY...?

- *You can hear a blue whale's heartbeat from two miles away: The blue whale is the largest animal on the planet, weighing up to 150 tons and measuring up to 90 feet long. Naturally, an animal this massive would have an equally huge heart.*
- *Roughly the size of a small car, a blue whale's heart weighs about 1,300 pounds. To move blood through its colossal body and arteries, its heart beats so powerfully, you can hear it from two miles away. You just might miss it, as its heart only beats eight to 10 times per minute.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Wife (at night): *How much did Sachin score in 2003 World Cup against Pakistan?*
Husband: *98, why are you asking?* ***Wife:*** *Now, tell me why you didn't wish me for my birthday since morning?*
Silence...Husband couldn't say he had a bad memory!!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.56
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 100.34
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.30
1 Euro	= Rs. 83.83

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	JANUARY 30	JANUARY 31
Day's Positive Cases	2,322	1,327
Total Positive Cases	2,20,643	2,21,970
Day's Discharges	1,615	2,886
Total Discharges	2,06,204	2,09,090
Day's Deaths	10	2
Total Deaths	2,492	2,494
Total Active Cases	11,947	10,386

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Gas project implementation: MGP is our last recourse

Sir,

I write this letter out of a sense of extreme sadness reading two news items in the media recently.

One, about our elected representatives absenting themselves from an important meeting at the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to stop the implementation of the Natural Gas Pipeline for Mysuru. Two, announcing a slew of new constructions on top of the already disfigured Chamundi Hill.

Both the above will lessen the quality of life of the people and the damage to the hill will cause further hurt to the religious sentiments of the citizens.

Chamundi Hill, a religious place, has been turned into a bazar by vested interests. What options do the citizens have when their own elected representatives ignore the wishes of the very people who elected them? Who do you turn to ?

Institutions which are meant to protect and safeguard citizens are becoming handmaids of the unscrupulous. From past experience, even our judicial system has not saved us from the misuse of executive power.

It is in this context I believe that associations and citizen groups will prove to be our last recourse to put the system back on rails. Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) is one such body that served as a robust watchdog to challenge any transgressions by the executive. It provided a platform to voice an opinion.

More often than not, it was heard and taken note of. In its three-decade existence, scores of people found relief when citizen rights were violated. Today MGP is just a shadow of its past with the people at its helm having lost interest.

Probably this could also be one of the reasons why our elected representatives show brazenness to ignore the wishes of the people and become a power unto themselves.

It is time that MGP is revived by active citizen participation. More so by the younger generation who have so much at stake. Eternal vigilance, as famously said by Thomas Jefferson, is the price of democracy.

—Ashvini Ranjan
Mysuru
30.1.2022

Uncertainty continues over MUDA Commr.

Mysuru, Feb.1 (RK&DM)- A day after the Karnataka Administrative Tribunal (KAT) ordered re-instatement of KAS Officer Dr. D.B. Natesh as Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Commissioner, uncertainty regarding who should hold the post has returned.

Dr. Natesh *Dinesh Kumar*

The Government had ordered transfer of the then MUDA Commissioner Dr. Natesh as CESC General Manager on Jan.10 and subsequently appointed G.T. Dinesh Kumar, who was serving at Belagavi, as MUDA Commissioner. Dinesh Kumar took charge on Jan.17.

But questioning his transfer, Dr. Natesh moved the KAT, which on Monday (Jan. 31) ordered his re-instatement as MUDA Commissioner.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning about the KAT order, Dinesh Kumar said that he was in Bengaluru today on official work. Pointing out that he learnt that the KAT has ordered the re-instatement of Dr. Natesh as MUDA Commissioner, he said that he does not know what decision the Government will take following the KAT order.

Maintaining that he is yet undecided on whether to move the KAT seeking his continuance as MUDA Commissioner, Dinesh Kumar said that everything depends on the Government's decision right now.

Meanwhile, Dr. Natesh, who has reportedly obtained a KAT order on his re-instatement as MUDA Commissioner yesterday, could not be contacted for his comments.

City-based international oil expert writes to PM

Need to look into why some BJP leaders are opposing piped gas project in Mysuru

Narendra Modi

Respectful Prime Minister Shri Modiji,

I write this letter with the utmost urgency to draw your attention to the gross injustice that is being done to Mysuru city by your own party MLAs and Corporators of the city. They are attempting to stop the much-awaited and desired piped gas supply to people's homes. A project that you have been strongly advocating and wanting to move India towards gas economy.

It may be relevant to state that I am a graduate of IITM with a Ph.D from the University of Houston. I have worked for over 20 years for Conoco and then for 9 years as USAID Consultant. I was a Board Member of Georgian National Oil Company and worked in Ghana, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, London, Milan, Dublin, Sweden, Belgium, Germany, Indonesia, etc. In some countries I have fought oil sector corruption.

When you announced the ambitious goal of achieving 15% gas share in energy mix by 2030 from the current level of 6%, having worked on several gas projects I was very happy. I have been promoting as early as 1990s for giving greater role to gas sector like in many parts of the world. I had suggested liberalisation of gas prices, promotion of international gas pipelines like Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India, Myanmar-Bangladesh-India, Iran-Pakistan-India (despite the potential geo-political problems), promotion of LNG imports by establishing LNG terminals etc.

You have correctly set the goal for piped gas to reach 400 districts or 70% of Indian population in 2018. It was ambitious, but still achievable if we all try.

In the above background, I was shocked and saddened when your own party MLAs and Corporators in Mysuru opposed the piped gas project. They have advanced the specious argument that pipelines will damage the roads and no funds are provided to repair the roads. They also argued that crores have been spent to asphalt the road and it will go to waste now when roads are dug to lay the gas pipelines.

Mysureans are puzzled by their irrational and untenable arguments in opposing the environmentally sound piped gas project. For most part, gas pipelines are laid on footpath which will not have any impact on roads. Also the piped gas project provides enough to restore dug up roads. Also despite all the so-called planning (in reality there is little) to prevent frequent digging of roads, there is frequent digging of roads even in new layouts. But these leaders never raised objections then. Why now?

In old Mysuru, sewage system has practically broken and digging of roads to install sewage pipelines will be inevitable. In short, objections raised are not with any serious concerns. Already gas pipelines are installed all over India and millions of homes are getting piped gas. Problems or concerns like the ones raised in Mysuru are not reported.

It is necessary to recall what happened while providing 24x7 water supply during UPA to Mysuru under JNNURM few years back. The contract was given by the State Government to a Tata company, JUSCO. From day one, most of the Corporators opposed the project. There were many hurdles by Corporators throughout the implementation of the project. Again, objections raised were not sound. Later it became obvious why the Corporators were upset. Being a Tata company, they refused to give the 'usual' commission. As a result even after spending more than Rs. 180 crore, Mysuru does not have 24x7 water supply today.

To our misfortune, history seems to be repeating in this piped gas project. This being a Central project, there is no provision for any commission. This was publicly stated by Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha during a press briefing. He, along with JD(S) MLA G.T. Devegowada are the leaders who have been lending all the support.

No one will publicly admit to the "real reason" for raising objection to the project. But the public is fully aware of the shameful drama that is being enacted. A Council meeting of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) was scheduled to approve the project. But few key leaders seem to have stage-managed not to have the quorum and it is not clear when the Council can take a decision.

May I urge you to institute two high-level committees. First should consist of top-level State BJP leaders. They should inquire into the unusual and citizen unfriendly performance of their own elected leaders. They should find out why they obstructed to a project which has energy security implications and contribute to fight climate change. Second committee of high-level officials should explore ways of getting around the issue of proceeding with the project with the utmost speed despite the objection by Corporators in a legally sound manner.

Few days back, you gave a call to fight corruption by comparing it to termite. With your intervention, please help us to fight corruption termite in Mysuru.

Yours sincerely,
Bhamy V. Shenoy,
Founding Working President of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP)

NEWS BRIEFS

PSI Passing Out Parade

The Passing out Parade of the 45th batch of Police Sub-Inspector (Civil) Probationers from the Karnataka Police Academy (KPA), will be held tomorrow (Feb. 2) at 8 am at KPA Parade Ground in Nazarbad in city. Home Minister Araga Jnanendra will be the chief guest and will receive the guard of honour. Additional Director General of Police (ADGP-Training)-Bengaluru P. Harishekaran will be present on the occasion.

Safai Karmachari Chief in Mysuru

Karnataka State Safai Karmachari Commission Chairman M. Shivanna will be on a two-day tour of Mysuru district on Feb. 3 and Feb. 4. On Feb. 4, Shivanna will hold a meeting with Pourakarmika leaders at 10 am at T. Narasipur Guest House, following which he will hold a press meet on Pourakarmika welfare measures taken by the Government at 11 am.

Vocal concert

Ganabharathi has organised a vocal concert in memory of Sri Kashi Sundara Dasa today (Feb. 1) at 6 pm at Veene Seshanna Bhavana in Kuvempungar. Vidu. Srimathi Devi presents a Hindusthani vocal concert accompanied by Vid. Vighnesh Bhagavath on harmonium and Vid. Bhimashankar Bidanur on tabla.

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KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
Today	:	119.17 feet
Yesterday	:	119.40 feet
Inflow	:	1,023 cusecs
Outflow	:	4,182 cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,282.32 feet
Inflow	:	188 cusecs
Outflow	:	400 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,856.69 feet
Inflow	:	154 cusecs
Outflow	:	50 cusecs

BJP's public squabbling due to commission interest: Cong.

Hidden agenda is to privatise cooking gas distribution; prices to be burdensome

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (MTY&BCT)- The 'direct to home' piped gas project is not an ambitious and people-friendly project launched by the Centre. Rather it is a project that comes with a handsome commission for which the BJP elected representatives are squabbling in public, alleged Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) Spokesperson M. Lakshmana. The project has sparked a row among the BJP leaders with MLAs L. Nagendra and S.A. Ramdas who have raised questions over road damage to lay the pipeline, much to the chagrin of Pratap Simha, a staunch supporter of the project.

M. Lakshmana

Addressing a press meet at Congress Bhavan here yesterday, Lakshmana launched a tirade against Pratap Simha and the MLAs for fighting to pocket commission provided by the gas pipeline company. "The Centre has handed over the project to 17 companies and the ultimate aim is to privatise gas distribution. In Mysuru alone, the project entails an expenditure of Rs. 700 crore and Pratap Simha has got 10 percent commission and this is being hotly discussed in public," he alleged.

"The street fight between the MP and his own party MLAs is aimed at pocketing maximum commission in the name of implementing the project. In the end, cooking gas will be privatised and this is their hidden agenda. Now the price of a 14.2 kg cylinder of cooking gas is already nearing Rs. 1,000 and the Government has started the process of withdrawing subsidy on LPG," he said.

Cost factor

Pooh-poohing the claims of the MP that once the gas supply begins, the consumers will get gas for Rs. 500, Lakshmana said that an initial deposit of Rs. 6,000 has to be paid per household and other overhead expenses will total up to Rs. 7,154.

"If the bills are not paid on time, the connections will be cut and the pricing will depend on the whims and fancies of the gas company and they will extract money to make more profits. Also, the consumers will have to cough up a fee for reconnection after the supply is restored," he charged. Terming the MP's assurances as false and misleading, Lakshmana wondered why the MP is hell bent on supporting a private company and what were the stakes involved.

"When former DC Rohini Sindhuri said that the MP was extracting commission from certain COVID Care Centres, Pratap Simha got the upright officer transferred from Mysuru. When the Police wanted to file an FIR against Jubilant Pharma Company in Nanjangud, the same MP prevented the Police from doing so," he alleged, demanding an explanation from the MP.

Call for public debate

Calling for a public debate on the pros and cons of the gas pipeline project, the KPCC Spokesperson said that many aspects and implications of the project have been hidden from the public and there was no transparency. "Why is there a hurry to execute such an ambiguous project? What are the personal interests behind the project, let there be a discussion," he said.

Training his guns on Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, Lakshmana said that Bommai's sole achievement in six months was the reshuffle of District Ministers.

"Corruption has reached its top level and the CM is busy advertising false assurances and dubious schemes that will help the BJP further loot the exchequer. We all know how the Government looted the treasuries in the name of fighting COVID-19," he said.

'Come to consensus before project implementation'

Sandesh Swamy

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (BCT)- Former Mayor Sandesh Swamy has suggested that the gas pipeline project must be kept in front of the public before implementation. It must be discussed in public platforms and the Corporation Council, he opined.

Terming the project as hugely beneficial to the public, Sandesh Swamy has said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has implemented the ambitious project and the same project is being implemented in many cities including Bengaluru.

"For the project to be implemented, several roads have to be dug up and it may take more than two years for the project to be fully realised in Mysuru. It is pertinent to discuss the scheme before it is implemented," he suggested.

All elected representatives from the Corporation to the Legislature and Parliament must be aware of the project and how it is being implemented. A consensus will have to be achieved to realise the full benefits, he suggested.

L.R. Shivaramegowda expelled from JD(S)

Shivaramegowda

Mandya, Feb. 1 (MR&DM)- A day after an audio in which former JD(S) MP L.R. Shivaramegowda had made insulting remarks against late former MP G. Madegowda went viral, the JD(S) on Monday expelled L.R. Shivaramegowda from the primary membership of the party.

Soon after the audio went viral, there were widespread protests against Shivaramegowda all across Mandya district yesterday.

As the outrage began to spill over onto the streets, former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) directed JD(S) State Unit Chief H.K. Kumaraswamy to expel Shivaramegowda, following which the outspoken former MP was ousted from the JD(S).

Mohammed Nalapad takes over as State Youth Congress Chief

Md. Nalapad

Bengaluru, Feb. 1- Mohammed Nalapad, son of Bengaluru's Shantinagar MLA N.A. Haris (Nalapad Ahmed Haris), took office as the new President of the State Youth Congress at the KPCC office here on Monday.

Nalapad, who had bagged the highest number of votes in the polls held for KPCC Youth President's post last year, was disqualified on grounds of impropriety and subsequently Raksha Ramaiah, son of former Minister M.R. Seetharam, who came second in the polls was appointed as the President, as a compromise formula that was reached between the two warring factions of the party. Now, after the expiry of Raksha Ramaiah's agreed period, Mohammed Nalapad took over as the new State Youth Congress Chief yesterday.

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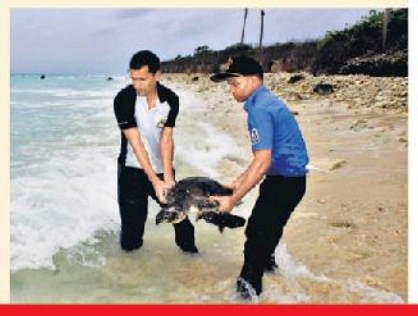

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From Budget Briefcase to 'Bahi Khata' to Tablet

New Delhi, Feb. 1 (Agencies)- When Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented her first Union Budget in 2019, she drew the nation's attention by replacing the budget briefcase with the "bahi khata."

The decision to opt for the *bahi khata* appeared to be a move to dump the colonial practice of carrying a briefcase. The "budget briefcase" was a remnant of the colonial era. It was a copy of the Gladstone Box, which British Finance Ministers have carried to Parliament when presenting their budgets.

For years, Indian households, neighbourhood shops and small enterprises have managed their budget using the *bahi khata,* a ledger of accounts.

The next year, in 2020, Sitharaman continued the practice and presented her budget using the *bahi khata*. She had famously said it was time India shed the "British hangover." She had also accepted that the *bahi khata* was easier to carry than the briefcase.

However, last year, the *bahi khata* gave way to a tablet, again a move in tandem with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's push for a "Digital India." Reports at the time said the tablet was "Made in India," an effort to send out the message of a self-reliant nation.

However, using the tablet was also necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic as it was prudent to curb the use of paper. Besides, some could argue it was an environment-friendly move.

Last year, the Government also launched the "Union Budget Mobile App" to enable lawmakers and members of the general public to access Budget documents easily.

Over the years, the Budget presentation has evolved, keeping with the needs of the time. In 1947, India's first Finance Minister R.K. Shanmukham Chetty carried a leather portfolio bag. Sometime around 1970, Finance Ministers began carrying a hardbound bag; its colour continued to differ over the years.

The next big change came after Prime Minister Narendra Modi won a giant majority for his second term in 2019 and the colonial legacy was let go.

Lord Ganesha on Budget Day

The untold, unwritten custom of Finance Ministry

New Delhi, Feb. 1 (Agencies)- The Budget Day is the most important day for any Finance Minister as it evaluates his/her performance, in Parliament by the Opposition and by the public at large.

Every Finance Minister starts his/her Budget day with Ganesh puja at the corridors of the Finance Ministry of the North Block, offering flowers to the Lord, before heading to the Parliament for budget presentation.

"It's a custom, untold and unwritten in our Finance Ministry, but every Finance Minister has adhered to it without any exception over the years, no matter what his religious belief is. Every year on Budget day, we all, including the Finance Minister and the budget team do that, like the Halwa ceremony before printing of the document starts," revealed a retired senior official of the Ministry of Finance, who worked there for decades.

"I don't remember ever missing to bring flowers for the Ganesh puja for 'sahabs' (the Finance Minister and budget team) in these years, as no Finance Minister ever left the Ministry for the Parliament without offering flowers to our Ganesh ji. It's our custom that when we embark on a journey of something good, we start with Ganesh puja, like a marriage card, you must have seen," told an employee of the Ministry.

Dr. Bhagwat Karad, Minister of State for Finance also started his Budget Day with Ganesh puja at home on Tuesday before heading to the North Block, so did Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, said his personal staff once when asked.

So what Pranab Mukherjee used to do on Budget day when he was the Finance Minister? "I don't remember baba performing any special puja on Budget Day at home, but baba was quite religious and he never left home for work without his morning walk and puja, but not any special one on Budget Day", said Sharmistha Mukherjee, the daughter of late Pranab Mukherjee, who was the Finance Minister in the UPA Government.

No halwa ceremony this year; break from tradition

New Delhi, Feb. 1 (Agencies)- The traditional 'halwa ceremony' ahead of the Union Budget 2022-2023 was not observed this year. The custom that marks the final leg of the budget preparation exercise was replaced by distribution of sweets to the core staff.

In 2021, the ceremony took place nine days ahead of the budget presentation.

The decision to not hold the ceremony this year was taken by the Ministry of Finance keeping in view rising COVID-19 cases in the country.

"To mark the final stage of the Union Budget making process, sweets provided to core staff due for 'lock-in' at their work workplace instead of Halwa ceremony due to on-going pandemic and health safety concerns," the Ministry said in a statement.

There are no historical traces of when the customary halwa ceremony began, but it has continued for decades now. It is for

File photo

the first time in so many years that the Government decided to skip this ritual.

The custom marks the last leg of the budget process and is usually held at the Finance Ministry headquarters in North Block, New Delhi, which houses a special printing press in the basement. The tradition involves preparing the sweet dish, halwa, in a big 'kadai' (frying pot) and serving it to Finance Ministry officials directly associated with the budget making process, to acknowledge their efforts.

The 'halwa ceremony' holds significance as once the sweet dish is served, a large number of officials and support staff involved in the budget making and printing process are required to stay in the North Block of the Finance Ministry until the final presentation of the budget in Parliament. The officials remain cut off from their families and the outside world for almost 10 days. They are not supposed to even contact their close ones through any form of communication.

The 'lock-in' is observed to ensure secrecy of budget details. Only very senior officials in the Finance Ministry are permitted to go home during this period.

Last year, employees were not kept in the North Block after the halwa ceremony as the printing of the budget did not happen due to pandemic precautions. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman read out the Union Budget 2021 from a tablet.

Nirmala's shortest Budget speech

New Delhi, Feb. 1 (Agencies)- This year, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman wrapped up her Budget speech this time in about 92 minutes — her shortest one so far. Last year she had spoken for an hour and 50 minutes. Her speech in 2020 had made headlines for being the longest one in India's history at about 2 hours and 40 minutes.

With two pages remaining, she had to cut it short and sit down by the end of it as she felt unwell. In 2019 - her first budget speech, Sitharaman had spoken for 2 hours and 17 minutes, breaking former Finance Minister Jaswant Singh's 2003 record of 2 hours and 15 minutes.

This year, she was seen sipping on what appeared to be electrolytes during the speech. Known for embellishing her speech with Hindu, Urdu and Tamil couplets, this year she had just one quote from the Mahabharata. Usually, the duration of the budget presentation ranges from 90 to 120 minutes.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS-2022

- Taxpayers can now update I-T returns within 2 years
- Digital Rupee to be issued using blockchain & other technologies
- Customs duty on diamond to be reduced to 5 percent
- Income from Long Term Capital Gains will be taxed at 15 percent
- Corporate surcharge to be reduced from 12 percent to 7 percent
- Income from virtual digital assets to be taxed at 30 percent
- Spectrum auctions this year to enable 5G roll out by 2023
- Rs. 48,000 crore allocated for completion of construction of 80 lakh houses
- Tax deduction limit to be increased from 10 percent to 14 percent for Centre, State employees
- Rs. 1 lakh crore allocated to States to help investments
- Rs. 2.37 lakh crores will be the direct payment of MSP to farmers
- Additional allocation of Rs. 19,500 crore for manufacturing solar modules
- Capital expenditure to be around Rs. 10.68 lakh crore
- Special Economic Zones Act to be replaced soon
- 68 percent of the capital procurement budget for Defence to be earmarked for domestic industry Animation, gaming task force to be set up
- Production Linked Incentive Scheme to create 60 lakh new jobs in next 5 years
- Drones to be used for crop assessment, digitisation of land records, spraying of insecticides
- Will start issuing e-passports soon
- 400 new Vande Bharat trains to be manufactured in the next three years
- Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme to be extended to March 2023
- Open platform for healthcare services to be rolled out soon
- PM Modi's development initiatives for North East to be implemented
- Fund to be set up to finance agriculture, rural start-ups
- Gati Shakti master plan to make world-class infrastructure

Auto fares hiked from today: Minimum fare is Rs. 30

Decision taken at a meeting chaired by DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham

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According to the revised fares, the minimum fare (for the first two kms) with three passengers on board, would be Rs. 30 and Rs. 15 per km for subsequent distance.

There will be no waiting time for the first five minutes and waiting time will be subsequently charged at Rs. 5 for every 15 minutes. Also, there is no luggage charges for up to 20 kgs and luggage will be charged at Rs. 5 per 20 kg after that. However, passengers can carry a maximum luggage of 50 kg in an auto. As regards the fare during late night, the charges will be one and half the normal fare from 10 pm till 5 am.

Hitherto, the minimum fare was Rs. 25 and the subsequent fare was Rs. 13 per km.

Additional SP R. Shivakumar, RTO Bhimananda Patil, ARTO Hemavathi, office-bearers of Mysuru Autorickshaw Services Trust and other Auto associations attended the meeting.

Union Budget presented

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National Highway Network

PM Gati Shakti Master Plan for expressways will be formulated in 2022-23 to facilitate faster movement of people and goods. "The Master Plan will facilitate faster movement of people and goods and the National Highways network to be expanded by 25,000 km. Rs. 20,000 crore to be mobilised to complement public resources," the FM said.

She said, "Budget lays parallel track of futuristic and inclusive blueprint for Amrit Kaal. Big public investment for modern infrastructure, readying India for 100 years of completion, will be guided by PM Gati Shakti."

"PM Gati Shakti is driven by seven engines: roads, railways, airports, ports, mass transport, waterways, and logistics infrastructure. All 7 engines will pull forward the economy in unison Supported by energy transmission, IT communication, bulk water and sewerage and social infrastructure," she said.

Though the Government has yet to confirm whether and how it will allow cryptocurrencies, sources for long have said that cryptocurrencies will be treated as a digital asset. The FM said that income from digital assets will be taxed at 30 percent, the highest tax band in the country.

After initially planning to ban cryptocurrencies, the Modi government is instead preparing legislation to regulate their use. Losses from transactions in virtual digital assets cannot be offset against other income, the FM said.

Man injured after falling from bike, succumbs at hospital

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (RK&KS)- A pillion rider, who was undergoing treatment at K.R. Hospital after he fell from the bike and sustained injuries, has succumbed to injuries on Sunday night.

The deceased is Arkesh (37), son of Chikkabasavachari of Chikkade village in Pandavapura.

About 15 days ago, Arkesh, who was riding pillion with his friend Santosh riding the bike, was proceeding from Pandavapura. When they neared Devegowdana Koppal Circle on Mandya Road, Santosh is said to have applied the brakes suddenly resulting in Arkesh falling from the bike and sustaining serious injuries.

Arkesh was immediately rushed to Pandavapura General Hospital, where he was provided first-aid and was later admitted to K.R. Hospital. But Arkesh succumbed to injuries on Sunday night, according to Pandavapura Police, who have registered a case.

Old school building demolished in MMC&RI premises

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (RK&KS) – The building of an old English medium school, which was earlier functioning in Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) premises on Seshadri Iyer Road, was demolished this morning to take up developmental works.

MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. H.N. Dinesh, told *Star of Mysore* that the English medium school which was functioning at the MMC&RI premises had moved to their premises about a year back and a quarters for D and C Group employees is planned in the same place on the two acre plot. Hence the old structure is being demolished to take up new developmental works, Dr. Dinesh added.

Calling housing beneficiaries

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (ASC)- Applications have been invited from homeless people who own sites within T. Narasipur TMC limits to provide houses under Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Housing Scheme. Eligible differently-abled, senior citizens, widowers and widows may apply. A total of 13 houses for SC and 5 houses for ST community will be built under the Scheme. Eight houses for Minority Communities and 49 houses for General Category will be built under Vajpayee Urban Housing Scheme. Interested may apply in prescribed form along with attested documents before Feb. 5. For details, contact the TMC Office.

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House burgled at BEML Layout

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (MK&KS)- Miscreants have looted gold jewellery from a house in BEML Layout and the burglary came to light when the house owner returned home yesterday afternoon.

The burglary took place at the house of one Dinakar and burglars have made away with about 140 grams gold ornaments from the house.

On Jan. 29, Dinakar had locked the house and had gone out of station. When he came back yesterday afternoon, he found the front door forcibly opened and on inspecting the house, Dinakar found about 140 grams gold ornaments missing and immediately informed the jurisdictional Saraswathipuram Police.

Police said that they inspected the house along with the dog squad and fingerprint experts, registered a case and are investigating.

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INVITATION OF BIDS

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER (Online) No.: CSTS/MYS/Testing-HPT/21-22/01 Dated: February 1, 2022

CIPET:CSTS, Invites technical & commercial bids from the reputed suppliers / manufacturers for the supply & installation of Hydrostatic Pressure Tester for CIPET:CSTS, Mysuru Centre. Interested and eligible bidders are requested to apply through e-tender (online), website www.tenderwizard.com/CIPET, also visit CIPET website for complete details on technical specification and commercial terms. CIPET:CSTS, Mysuru, reserves the right to accept or reject any or all tenders either in part or in full without assigning any reasons thereof.

CSTS/MYS/Testing-HPT/21-22/01 Dated: February 1, 2022	
Last date for the online submission of the bid	22.02.2022 up to 15.00 Hrs
Technical bids opening Date	22.02.2022 up to 15.30 Hrs CIPET:CSTS, Mysuru
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Former cricketer Javagal Srinath launches blood donation camp

Former cricketer Javagal Srinath inaugurated the camp by himself donating blood.

Mysuru, Feb.1 (RKB&DM)- As part of *Rashtriya Seva Dinacharane*, the Jeevadhara Lions Blood Centre, in association with Blood-on Call Club, had organised a voluntary blood donation camp at Jeevadhara Blood Centre on Sayyaji Rao Road here this morning.

Former cricketer Javagal Srinath inaugurated the camp by himself donating blood.

Speaking on the occasion, Srinath, who studied at Mysuru, said that he was very much aware about the importance of donating blood. Pointing out that there is no alternative or a substitute for blood, which is vital for saving precious lives, Srinath stressed on the need for educating the children on the importance and significance of donating blood.

Underlining the importance of maintaining our health as health is the real wealth for everyone, Srinath cautioned that people would have to struggle in the later part of their life if they ignore health now. Emphasising on the need for sensitising people on the prominence of voluntary blood donation, he lauded the Jeevadhara Blood Bank for rendering yeoman service to the society by saving precious lives.

More than 100 people, of whom 90 had previously registered, donated blood on the occasion.

Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, Jeevadhara Blood Bank Director Girish, Muthanna, Blood-on Call Club President Devendra Parihariya, office-bearer Anand Manthod, Dr. Mamatha, Dr. Sharada, Sowmya, Aditya, Malini, Palaksha, Mandi Police Inspector Raghu, youth leaders Ajay Shastri, Vikram Iyengar and others were present.

Special Helpline Centre for Senior Citizens

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (ASC)- In order to address the problems of the elders in the context of the pandemic/ COVID third wave, the Department of Women and Child Development and Department for the Empowerment of Differently Abled and Senior Citizens has jointly launched a Special Helpline Centre.

The elderlies may call toll free senior citizens national helpline "Elderline-14567" and make use of the facility.

Senior citizens can seek information about COVID, Hospital/ Geriatric Hospital facilities, old-age homes, a Divisional level Tribunal Court at the Assistant Commissioner's Office and Appellate Authority in the DC Office, under various Schemes for Senior Citizens, according to a press release from the Mysuru District Disabled Welfare Officer.

BAI Mysore Centre gets new Chairman, Hon. Secretary

Mysuru, Feb. 1- The following were unanimously elected as office-bearers and Executive Committee of Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysore Centre, for the year 2022-2023:

R. Raghunath, Chairman

V. Srinath, Hon. Secretary

Chairman (2022-23) - R. Raghunath; **Vice-Chairman-** A.S. Yoganarasimha; **Hon. Secretary -** V. Srinath; **Hon. Joint Secretary -** K.R. Prabhakar Rao; **Hon. Treasurer -** S.H. Srinivas; **Imm. Past Chairman (2021-22) -** K. Ajit Narayan; **Chairman-Elect** (2023-2024) - Nagaraj V. Bairy; **Advisors -** A.V. Sridhar and M.S. Ramprasad; **Gen. Council Members -** K. Sriram, N.S. Murallidhara and A.V. Sridhar.

The Executive Committee Members are: G. Ashok, Ashwin R. Pallegar, K.S. Balaji, M.D. Chandrashekar, H.S. Deepak, K. Dasharath, C.D. Krishna, M.D. Praveen Pal, P. Puttaswamy, K.N. Ravishankar, K. Sathish Mohan, S. Shashiraj, C.S. Srikanth, S. Vasudevan and Venkatesh Prasad.

Co-opted Executive Committee Members are: N. Lokesh, Mahendra Reddy, T.N. Parthasarathy, K.M. Raghunath, R. Ramesh Rao, Santhosh Mirle and Udai S. Kumar.

World Environment Month Celebration Committee: Chairman - Nagaraj V. Bairy; **Advisor -** B.S. Dinesh.

MYREALTY-22: Chairman- D. Srihari; **Hon. Secretary -** K.N. Ravi Shankar; **Advisor -** U.M. Gurushanthappa; **BUILDTECH-22: Chairman -** V. Gurudatt; **Hon. Secretary -** Chandrashekara Bharadwaj, B.R. Badarinath; **MYBUILD-22 : Chairman -** Mahabaleshwara Bairy; **Hon. Secretary -** K.T. Govindaraju; **Advisor -** M. Rathnaraj.

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Construction Workers Welfare Committee (CWWC): A. Dinesh, K.L. Gururaj, V. Mohan Kumar, B.H. Revani Prasad, D. Sriram; **Advisor:** S. Mahadevaswamy.

Grievances Redressal And Opportunities (GROP) Committee: S.L. Dinesh, C.U. Divakar, C. Gopal, B. Rajesh Derira, R. Ravi; **Advisor:** K. Subramanya Rao.

Cultural Committee: S. Umesh, Swetha Dinesh; **Advisor:** N. Subramanya; **Overseas Tour Coordinators:** K.C. Nandakumar, M.V. Vinod Kumar; **Advisor:** M.C. Mallikarjun; **IT & Website Committee:** K.U Ganapathy.

City doctor is President of Otolaryngologists Assn.

Dr. Bharathi

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (SSM) - Dr. M.B. Bharathi, Senior Professor, Department of ENT at JSS Medical College and Hospital, Mysuru, is elected as the President of Association of Otolaryngologists of India (AOI), Excel ENT Hospital, Mumbai.

She was sworn-in as the third woman President of the 74-year-old Association at the National Conference held at Ranchi recently.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Bharathi said, 'The world had faced COVID-19 pandemic, where ENT surgeons buckled up for the tough battle and played a major role from collecting swabs to treating patients in Flu Clinics and ICUs. They also had the huge responsibility of treating epidemic of mucormycosis within pandemic. AOI has also laid the guidelines for treatment of mucormycosis and its follow up.'

'Globally about 360 million people and in India 63 million people are affected with hearing disability. About 60 per cent of this can be prevented if precautions are taken and early intervention is incorporated,' she said and recalled the work done by her team in bringing out a mobile app for hearing assessment so as to detect disability in early stages.

Dr. Bharathi can be contacted on Mob: 94482-75687.

Apollo BGS Hospitals launches free ambulance service at Gonikoppa

Dr. K.S. Bopaiah, Consultant Neuro Surgeon, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru, Dr. M.M. Amrit Nanaiah, Consultant Physician & Diabetologist, LMC, Dr. Soumya Ganesh Nanaiah, Ophthalmologist, LMC and Dr. Ruth Adlakha, Physician, LMC, seen launching the free ambulance service.

Gonikoppa, Feb. 1 - Apollo BGS Hospitals yesterday launched the free ambulance services for medical emergencies at Gonikoppa and Mysuru. The service was flagged off at Lopamudra Medical Centre (LMC) by Dr. M.M. Amrit Nanaiah, Consultant Physician and Diabetologist, LMC, Gonikoppa and Dr. K.S. Bopaiah, Consultant Neuro Surgeon, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru.

Dr. Amrit Nanaiah said "The Apollo 24x7 free ambulance service availability at LMC will enable patients reaching the hospital on time during medical emergency. This would ensure that the family or friends do not need to waste time looking for an ambulance. Also, once the patient is brought to the hospital, he/she will be stabilised initially, and in critical cases, the patient will be sent to Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru, directly in a fully equipped, GPRS enabled ambulance with doctor and paramedic support."

The free ambulance service is sure to benefit the people of South Kodagu in reaching the hospital within the 'golden hour' in case of an emergency like heart attack, stroke, trauma and in getting timely critical care at Apollo BGS Hospitals, he added.

Dr. K.S. Bopaiah, said, "Time is a critical factor in an emergency and the 24x7 ambulance service would help ensure that medical aid and support can be easily accessed. With this service, one can simply dial 1066. In case of any emergency to access the dedicated Emergency Response System (ERS), an advanced GPRS-enabled Ambulance stationed at LMC would be immediately dispatched."

Bharateesh Reddy, Vice-President & Unit Head, Apollo BGS Hospitals, Mysuru, said "We want to ensure that nothing should stand between a patient facing an emergency and timely treatment; we have decided to provide free emergency ambulance services at Gonikoppa. Patients can be assured of rapid transport to the Hospital for definitive care. We hope that this facility will help patients at South Coorg region access treatment within the golden hour and save many lives."

The 24x7 ERS has led to a revolutionary change in reducing mortality from any medical or surgical emergency resulting from any serious illness. The Apollo emergency response protocol ensures to stabilise a majority of emergency cases in a time critical manner, matching with the international benchmarks for golden hour management.

Readymade garments shop gutted in fire

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (RK&KS)- Readymade garments, furniture, computer and other materials, worth lakhs of rupees, were gutted in an early morning fire at a readymade garments showroom on Nrupatungua Road, near Kuvempunagar Complex in city.

Morning walkers, who noticed thick smoke emanating from Raj Fashions at about 5 am, informed Kuvempunagar Police and also Saraswathiopuram Fire Brigade.

The Fire and Emergency Services personnel, who rushed to the spot along with a fire extinguishing vehicle, managed to douse the fire and prevented it from spreading further. But the fire had already destroyed clothes and other materials in the readymade garments showroom by then.

It is learnt that electric short circuit was the reason behind the fire and the exact amount of loss would be known only after the owner gives his statement.

Kuvempunagar Police have registered a case in this regard.

Bribe: DIC Joint Director, Excise Inspector trapped

D.K. Lingaraju

Mysuru, Feb.1 (SBD&DM)- In two separate cases, two Government officials were trapped by the ACB (Anti Corruption Bureau) while accepting bribe here yesterday.

In the first case, a city Industrialist had started 'New Bio-Scientific Company' in Hebbal Industrial Area after securing a Rs. 2 crore loan from Karnataka State Finance Corporation (KSFC). He later re-located the company to Kadakola Industrial Area and had applied to the District Industries Centre (DIC) for releasing Rs.25 lakh subsidy.

But DIC Joint Director D.K. Lingaraju and Deputy Director L. Meghala demanded Rs. 1.5 lakh as bribe for release of subsidy, following which the Industrialist had paid Rs. 25,000 on Jan. 28. Later Lingaraju is said to have demanded for payment of 'balance bribe' and subsequently, the industrialist lodged a complaint with the ACB.

Lingaraju was caught red-handed by the ACB sleuths when he was accepting the 'balance' Rs. 1.25 lakh bribe from the Industrialist at the DIC office on Sayyaji Rao Road yesterday.

In the second case, an Excise Inspector was trapped when he was accepting bribe from a liquor shop owner for not allowing another liquor shop to come up in his neighbourhood.

A resident of Alanahalli in the city was running a liquor shop at Mellahalli village on Bannur Road in the taluk.

Excise Inspector A.R. Yashwanth, who called up the liquor shop owner recently, told him that an application has been submitted seeking permission to set up a liquor shop in his (liquor shop owner) neighbourhood and he would reject the application if he paid Rs. 1 lakh.

Subsequently, the liquor shop owner gave Yashwanth Rs. 50,000 on Jan. 27 and promised to pay the 'balance' amount shortly. Later, the liquor shop owner complained to the ACB, following which a trap was laid.

Excise Inspector Yashwanth was caught red-handed when he was accepting Rs. 50,000 as bribe balance from the Liquor shop owner at a Kalyana Mantap on New Sayyaji Rao Road yesterday.

Both the raids were carried out under the leadership of ACB Police Inspector Mohan Krishna.

Cheating: TV Centre owner lodges complaint against manager

Mysuru, Feb. 1 (KS)- Alleging that the manager of Srikanteshwara TV Centre, Sharadadevinagar branch, had obtained loans from finance companies using the documents of customers and thus cheating customers as well as the company, the owner of the TV Centre has lodged a complaint against the manager with Saraswathipuram Police.

In his complaint, TV Centre owner S. Umesh has stated that manager Anandakumar had cheated his customers and the company and has gone absconding.

Details: Customers, opting to purchase household articles including TV, washing machine, fridge etc., have to give a copy of their Aadhaar card and other related documents for approval of loans from private finance firms.

After the finance companies approve the loan, the TV Centre will then give the required item to the customer and the finance company will get the monthly instalment transferred directly from the customer's bank account.

On Nov. 6, 2021, one Lakshmi, a resident of Janata Nagar, visited the TV Centre at Sharadadevinagar and purchased a new LED TV on loan by producing all relevant documents. But manager Anandakumar, using the Aadhaar card of Lakshmi and creating a fake address and photo, had obtained loans from private finance firms on Nov. 13, 17, 29 and on Dec. 9, had sold various electronic items to many shops, thus cheating customers and the company, Umesh has stated in the complaint.

Umesh has further stated that when he contacted the finance companies, he came to know that Anandakumar had not only used the documents of Lakshmi but had also used documents of many customers and had obtained loans.

Umesh, in his complaint, has also mentioned the customers who have been cheated and shops in Mysuru, Hunsur, Holenarasipur and other places where TVs, washing machines and other electronic items have been sold by Anandakumar.

Following the complaint by Umesh on Jan. 20, Saraswathipuram Police, based on the serial numbers of electronic items and addresses where they were sold, have recovered more than 30 items and are in the process of recovering many more electronic items. The Police have also launched a hunt to trace and nab Anandakumar, Police sources said.

Complaint lodged for spreading false message

Meanwhile, Umesh, alleging that a few people were spreading false message that the owner of the TV Centre had cheated customers, has lodged a complaint with Saraswathipuram Police.

Umesh has stated that it was Sharadadevinagar Branch manager Anandakumar who had cheated the customers by misusing customers' documents and obtaining loans from private finance firms but a few were spreading false messages on social media that it was the TV Centre owner who had cheated customers.

Man sentenced to life for killing wife

Mysuru, Feb. 1- A city court has sentenced a man to life imprisonment on charges of murdering his wife.

Basavaiah alias Basavashetty of Kergalli in Jayapura Police Station limits of Mysuru taluk is the one who has been sentenced.

Basavaiah had married one Nagarathna about 17 years ago and the couple had two daughters from marriage.

Suspecting his wife's fidelity, Basavaiah, who had turned alcoholic, picked up a quarrel with Nagarathna on the morning of Oct. 28, 2018 and in a fit of rage, he poured kerosene on her and set her ablaze.

Nagarathna, who suffered serious burn injuries, was rushed to K.R. Hospital, where she breathed her last on Nov. 2, 2018.

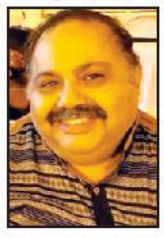
The Jayapura Police, who arrested Basavaiah, investigated the case and filed a charge-sheet against him under sections 498(a) and 302 of IPC, in the Court.

The city's Fifth Additional District and Sessions Court Judge Ashwini Vijay Siriyannavar, who heard the case on Jan. 27, held Basavaiah guilty of the charges and sentenced him to life imprisonment. Besides, the Judge also imposed a penalty of Rs. 5,000 on Basavaiah.

Public Prosecutor Nagappa C. Naakman argued on behalf of the State.

Obituary

Dr. N. Kumar



Mysuru, Feb. 1- Dr. N. Kumar (62), Hon. Secretary of Mysore District Parents Association for Empowering Developmentally Disabled (MDPAEDD) and retired Professor of Electronics at National Institute of Engineering (NIE), passed away yesterday (Jan. 31) in city following brief illness.

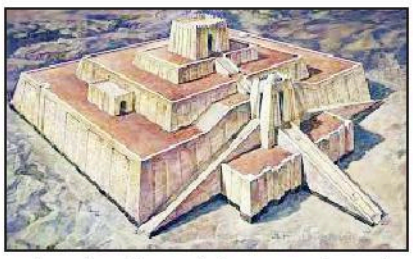
A resident of Sharadadevinagar, he leaves behind his wife Sasikala Kumar, son Srivatsa and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held in city yesterday evening, according to sources.

MDPAEDD has condoled the death of Dr. Kumar.

WORD OF THE DAY

Ziggurat



Pronunciation: ZIG-uh-rat.
Meaning: A ziggurat is an ancient Mesopotamian temple that resembles a pyramid having successive stages with outside staircases and a shrine at the top. The word is used figuratively for any structure having stages or steps.
Origin: French professor of archaeology Francois Lenormant spent a great deal of time poring over ancient Assyrian texts. In those cuneiform inscriptions, he recognised a new language, now known as Akkadian, which proved valuable to the understanding of the ancient civilisation. Through his studies, he became familiar with the Akkadian word for the towering temples: ziqqurratu, which was translated into English as ziggurat.
Example: "[Adam Borba] ... has steadily maneuvered his way up Hollywood's creative ziggurat for some time. He co-produced 'Pete's Dragon' (2016) before adding executive producer to his list of credits with 'A Wrinkle in Time' (2018) and the highly anticipated 'Peter Pan & Wendy,' coming in 2022." — Greg Archer

THE ODD WORD

Zabaglione

Frothy custard.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Zero tolerance

Meaning: The phrase 'Zero Tolerance' is used to describe a policy, practice, or law that provides severe penalties for a certain behaviour or offense, with no exceptions made for extenuating circumstances.
Origin: The term 'zero tolerance' was first used in 1972 in political language in the United States as a way to describe how laws prohibiting minor crimes could in turn help prevent larger instances of disorder from occurring.
Example: "There's a zero tolerance policy in place regarding smoking: It isn't allowed on company property at all."

QUOTE BOX

The highest result of education is tolerance — **Helen Keller**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Small talk.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Soviet secret police
4 Early hrs.
7 Literary initials
10 Hours in short ?
11 ___ off : frees from duty or responsibility; excuses?
13 Purchases
14 Rockers Led ____
16 It fits to _ ___ (it fits perfectly) (1,3)
17 Expand, be more free with (4,3)
19 On the summit (2,3,3)
21 Biblical boat made by Noah
24 Oriental nanny - "a ham" changed?
25 Austere or rigorous like the old Greek?
27 Person eating meal
29 Former Pacific alliance
30 Impress deeply; infix
33 A spot, zero for the cricketer
34 Chinese sauce
35 Extremely enthusiastic (4,4)
38 By ___ : par avion?
39 E pluribus __
42 A large prehistoric animal
46 Metallic element
47 Writing fluids
48 This, that or the other
49 ___ Arun : Bollywood singer?
50 A river of Scotland
51 Mass of eggs in fish

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

T	I	E	■	■	C	S	K	■	L	A	M	E
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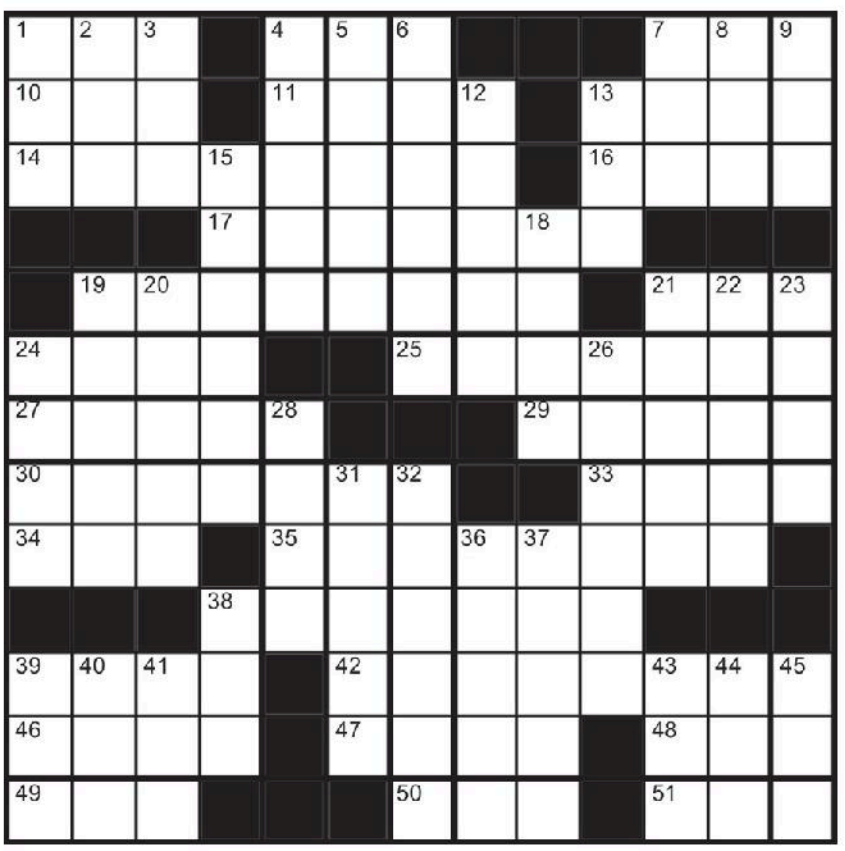
P	A	S	S	■	D	E	B	■	■	D	A	S

DOWN

1 Frequency unit
2 Grad. Rec. Exam.
3 Mayawati's party
4 First Hebrew letter
5 Confused fight or struggle; muddle
6 Periods or shifts
7 Strings in a tennis or badminton racket?
8 Parting word
9 Compass direction
12 Spy
13 Small flying mammal
15 Uproar
18 An Asian poisonous tree
19 ____ acids : main ingredients of proteins?
20 Piquant
21 Dickens' title starter (1,4)
22 Squeal or complain about? (3,2)
23 Door handle
24 Fruit drinks
26 Insurgents
28 Sitarist Shankar
31 "Drive" anagram for a famous Italian composer
32 White fur
36 Pulls hard - the American way?
37 Booth; stand
38 Annual maintenance contract
39 Submachine gun
40 Nothing!
41 Girl's name
43 __ Paar: 1954 Guru Dutt movie
44 Popular card game
45 Edible grain



SUDOKU

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			6		8			
		4		9			7	
3	6			4			2	1
			9					
				1		7		

Answer to previous puzzle

2	5	3	7	4	1	9	8	6
8	7	9	6	2	3	4	5	1
1	4	6	5	8	9	7	3	2
4	6	2	1	3	7	5	9	8
7	9	5	2	6	8	3	1	4
3	8	1	9	5	4	2	6	7
9	3	7	4	1	6	8	2	5
5	1	4	8	9	2	6	7	3
6	2	8	3	7	5	1	4	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

YJVWAS BXESJSIZW JYA'S UWXM

DIOC IYW SL EAMLAW.

TODAY'S CLUE: J EQUALS I

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The first precept was never to accept a thing as true until I knew it as such without a single doubt.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Gayathri Theatre Ph: 2443568
Ombattane Dikku (K) - 4 Shows

Mahadeshwara Theatre Mob: 9900820093
Ombattane Dikku (K)- 4 Shows

Sangam Theatre Ph: 2520494
Ombattane Dikku (K)- 4 Shows

Padma Theatre Ph: 2521923
Good Luck Sakhi (Te) - 4 Shows

Lido Theatre Ph: 2420885
Salaga (K) - 4 Shows

Woodlands Theatre Ph: 2422871
Badava Rascal (K)- 4 Shows

Rajkamal Theatre Ph: 2423554
Yuvarathna (K) - 4 Shows

Balaji Theatre Ph: 2497199
Pushpa: The Rise (H) - 3 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

DNA - Dhruva Nakshathra Akasha (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm
	(S-3)	10.15 am
Spider-Man: No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
Hridayam (Ma)	(S-1)	6.55 pm; (S-3) 3.45 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am
Ombatthane Dikku (K)	(S-2)	1.30 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.00 pm
Sila Nerangalil Sila Manidhargal (Ta)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
83 (H)	(S-3)	7.00 pm
Good Luck Sakhi (Te)	(S-4)	4.15 pm, 7.00 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Hridayam (Ma)	(S-2)	11.25 am, 6.40 pm
	(S-4)	3.10 pm, 9.35 pm
Scream 5 (E)	(S-4)	12.25 am, 6.50 pm
83 (H)	(S-2)	3.05 pm
	(S-3)	11.55 am, 9.45 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	12.05 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.55 pm
Ombattthane Dikku (K)	(S-3)	3.30 pm
Sila Nerangalil Sila Manidhargal (Ta)	(S-4)	6.00 pm
DNA-Dhruva Nakshathra Akasha (K)	(S-3)	6.35 pm

PVR CINEMAS

Forum Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Hridayam (Ma)	:	11.00 am, 2.35 pm, 6.10 pm
Scream -2022 (E)	:	11.15 am, 4.50 pm, 7.25 pm
Ombatthane Dikku (K)	:	12.35 pm, 6.40 pm
Badava Rascal (K)	:	12.40 pm
DNA (K)	:	1.50 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (E-3D)	:	3.30 pm
Good Luck Sakhi (Te)	:	3.35 pm
Sila Nerangalil Sila Manithargal (Ta)	:	6.15 pm

1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 9901373210

Badava Rascal (K)	:	6.30 pm
Bangarraju (Te)	:	12.10 pm
Hridayam (Ma)	:	11.15 am, 2.50 pm, 6.25 pm
Pushpa (K)	:	12.00 noon
Ombatthane Dikku (K)	:	3.40 pm
DNA (K)	:	6.35 pm
Sila Nerangalil Sila Manithargal (Ta)	:	3.30 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Ombatthane Dikku (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am
	(S-4)	4.00 pm
		6.45 pm
DNA (K)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
		4.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

40th Annual Souvenir of NIPM, Mysuru Chapter 'TOGETHER' released

Mysuru, Feb. 1- The 40th Annual Souvenir of National Institute of Personnel Management (NIPM), Mysuru Chapter, "Together" was released on Jan. 30 at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city.

The souvenir was released by Prof. (Col.) Y.S. Siddegowda, Chairman, NIPM Mysuru Chapter, who is also the Vice-Chancellor of Tumkur University and B.M. Goutham, Hon. Secretary, NIPM Mysuru Chapter & Head, HRIR, Radico, Mysuru.

NIPM is the only all-India body of professional managers engaged in Human Resource Management, Industrial Relations, Labour Welfare and Training & Development.

NIPM came into existence on March 15, 1980 and it is headquartered in Kolkata. NIPM has a total membership of around 10,000 professionals spread across 53 Chapters all over India.

NIPM, Mysuru Chapter was formed in the year 1983 and is one of the most vibrant Chapters contributing to a wide array of HR dimensions. The Chapter has 100-plus professionals and student members and is well-known for conducting HR and Management-related programmes for the benefit of Mysuru HR fraternity.

The souvenir "Together" outlines the initiatives and activities of the Chapter and its future vision and aspirations.

Souvenir Committee Members Dr. V. Reena Williams - Past Chairperson, C.V. Srinivasan - Vice-Chairman, N. Devaraja - Hon. Additional Secretary, EC members - Advocate V.R. Raghunathan and Advocate B.L. Jagadish and other office-bearers of NIPM were present on the occasion.

MYSORE WINTER RACES 2022

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

FLAMINGO DANCER for Mysore Palace Trophy

Mysuru, Feb. 1- Following are the selections for the 16th Day of Mysore Winter Races to be held here on Wednesday - Feb. 2, 2022:

1. 1.30 PM THE LALITHA MAHAL PLATE
1200 mts. - rated 00 to 25
1. SWISS BAY 2. KING'S COMMAND

2. 2.00 PM THE YELAHANKA PLATE
1400 mts. - rated 20 to 45
1. SCARLET PRINCESS 2. CELESTIAL LIGHT

3. 2.30 PM THE MONSOON PLATE - DIV. II
1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45
1. COASTAL CRUISE 2. D FIRE

4. 3.00 PM THE JOG FALLS PLATE
1400 mts. - rated 40 to 65
1. D DARLING 2. GOOD EARTH

5. 3.30 PM THE AUNTY PIP PLATE
1400 mts. - rated 40 to 65
1. RHYTHMIC 2. AFRICAN EMPEROR

6. 4.00 PM THE MYSORE PALACE TROPHY
1200 mts. - 3 years (TERMS)
1. FLAMINGO DANCER 2. FOREST VIEW

7. 4.30 PM THE SQUANDERER PLATE
1600 mts. - rated 60 and above
1. SADEEK 2. CRESCENDO

8. 5.00 PM THE MONSOON PLATE - DIV. I
1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45
1. OCHRE 2. LEOPARD

DAY'S BEST: *FLAMINGO DANCER*
DOUBLE: *1. RHYTHMIC 2. SADEEK*
JACKPOT: *4, 5, 6, 7, 8*
I TREBLE: *1, 2, 3* ***II TREBLE:*** *3, 4, 5* ***III TREBLE:*** *6, 7, 8*
EXACTAS: *7, 8*

—Tipster PGC

PRO KABADDI

Today's Matches (FEB. 1)

Bengal Warriors Vs Gujarat Giants 7.30 pm

Bengaluru Bulls Vs U.P. Yoddha 8.30 pm

Tomorrow's Matches (FEB. 2)

U.P. Yoddha Vs Patna Pirates 7.30 pm

Puneri Paltan Vs U Mumba 8.30 pm

Yesterday's Results

Haryana Steelers 26
Lose to
Gujarat Giants 32

Dabang Delhi 36
Beat
U Mumba 30

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